

Remarks

Claim 5 is canceled.

Claims 1, 2 and 10 are amended.

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are now pending and are under consideration.

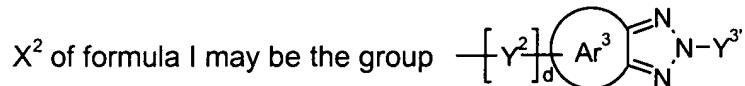
The claims are amended to require that Y^3 and $Y^{3'}$ are as defined in original claim 5.

No new matter is added.

Claims 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

The Examiner is concerned that compounds of formula IV (claim 2) and VIa (claim 9) may not be encompassed by the generic structure I of claim 1.

Applicants submit that indeed claims 2 and 9 properly depend from claim 1. Please note that



In light of this, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Sano, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,779,937.

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2001-332124.

Applicants submit that in light of the present amendments, that these rejections are addressed and are overcome. The present benzotriazoles may no longer contain an ortho-hydroxy phenyl group. The benzotriazoles of the cited art contain ortho-hydroxy phenyl groups.

In light of the above remarks and the present amendments, Applicants aver that each of the claim rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 102(a) are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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